GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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ANIMALS ON RUNWAYS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases of `Bird Hit` and `Nilgai on runway` in the country have been reported during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, airport-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the menace?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- No `Nilgai` cases were reported on runways at civil airports during the last three years. However, a total of 536 bird hit cases were reported from 01.01.2004 to 31.12.2006. The airport - wise break - up is as under:- Agartala -1, Ahmedabad - 44, Amristar - 3, Aurangabad - 2, Baghdogra - 1, Balurghat - 1, Bangalore - 42, Baroda -15, Bhavnagar - 1, Bhopal - 3, Bhubaneswar - 2, Bhuj - 1, Mumbai - 86, Kolkata - 25, Calicut - 6, Coimbatore - 4, Cochin - 8, Delhi - 79, Fursatganj - 1, Guwahati - 8, Goa -17, Hyderabad - 59, Indore - 7, Jaipur - 21, Jammu - 2, Jodhpur - 2, Jorhat - 1, Kanpur - 1, Khajuraho - 2, Lucknow - 3, Chennai - 33, Mangalore - 5, Madurai - 3, Nagpur - 5, Patna - 1, Pune - 9, Raipur - 1, Rajkot - 7, Ranchi - 1, Trichi - 3, Trivandrum - 2, Tirupati - 1, Udaipur - 5, Vadodara - 1, Varanasi - 5, Vizag - 1, Vijayawada - 3, Diu - 2.

(c):- Government has ensured many preventive measures. Airfield Environment Management Committees have been constituted at those airport where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various steps have been taken to reduce bird hits inside and outside the airports such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage dalaos, establishment of modern abattoirs, scaring and shooting of birds etc.